



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **ATTN: BOX RCE**  
Sandhya MISHRA et al. : Docket No. 2001-0120A  
Serial No. 09/777,664 : Group Art Unit 1651  
Filed February 7, 2001 : Examiner Irene Marx

AN IMPROVED PROCESS FOR THE  
REMOVAL OF CALCIUM IONS FROM  
THE BRINE BY MARINE CYANOBACTERIA **Confirmation No. 9236**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 13, 2003, the time for responding thereto being extended for three months in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: